

Capsule Summary
SM-535
The Shaw House
Leonardtown
Private

c. 1910s

The Shaw House, a frame, two story, two bay dwelling, was one of several residences constructed in the 1910s by Enoch Booth Abell. A significant developer and financier, Abell was a founding member of the First National Bank of St. Mary's in Leonardtown and also helped to begin the Leonardtown Joint Stock and Transportation Company. The latter promoted the economic development of Leonardtown's Wharf during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. While rented out by Abell to several tenants, this house reflects the wharf's rebuilding and development during this timeperiod. The heirs Enoch Abell sold the house in 1943 to Leroy and Gladys McNey. The McNey's sold the dwelling to the current owners E. L. and Laura Shaw in 1968.

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St. Mary's County

Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme:

Architecture

Resource Type

Category:

Building

Historic Environment:

Town

Historic Function and Use:

Residence

Known Design Source:

None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-535

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Leroy and Gladys McNey House

and/or common The Shaw House (Pref.)

2. Location

street & number .05 miles N of the ^{Southern} terminus of Washington St. not for publication

city, town Leonardtown vicinity of congressional district 3

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name E. L. and Laura Shaw

street & number PO Box 17 telephone no.:

city, town Leonardtown state and zip code Md 20650

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber 142

street & number folio 220

city, town Leonardtown state Md

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

Situated on the east side of Washington Street, the Shaw House is located only .05 miles north of Leonardtown wharf. The dwelling sits close to the road and is oriented on a north/south axis with its primary (south) elevation facing Breton Bay and Leonardtown's wharf.

This frame, two story, two bay house was constructed in the 1910s. It features a covered porch, clapboard siding, a one story gable end addition, and a shallow pitch gable roof pierced by a single brick chimney flue. The roof is sheathed with pressed-metal shingles. Most of the dwelling's windows are six-over-six, double-hung sash.

This dwelling only received mid-level documentation due to the high number of historic resources in Leonardtown.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The frame, two story, two bay Shaw house was one of several houses constructed in the 1910s by Enoch Booth Abell. A significant developer and financier, Abell was a founding member of the First National Bank of St. Mary's in Leonardtown and also helped to begin the Leonardtown Joint Stock and Transportation Company. The latter promoted the economic development of Leonardtown's Wharf during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. While Abell rented out this house to several different families, the house remains significant for it typifies the residential development around the wharf.

Enoch Abell's heirs sold the house in 1943 to Leroy and Gladys McNey. The McNey's sold the dwelling to the current owners E. L. and Laura Shaw in 1968.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 33,654 sq. ft.Quadrangle name Leonardtown, MdQuadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed reference.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyororganization St. Mary's County Planning and Zoningdate November 1996street & number 328 Washington Streettelephone 301-475-4662city or town Leonardtownstate Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to:

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
514-7600

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRF 142, Folio 220

Grantee: E. L. and Laura Show

Grantor: J. Leroy and Gladys J. McNey

Date: June 19, 1968

Note: The property is listed as part of America Felix Secundus or Tudor Hall.

Reference: Liber CBG 14, Folio 501

Grantee: J. Leroy and Gladys J. McNey

Grantor: E. Marguerite Duke et vir, et ux.

Date: August 19, 1943

Note: The property is listed as containing 81/100 of an acre.

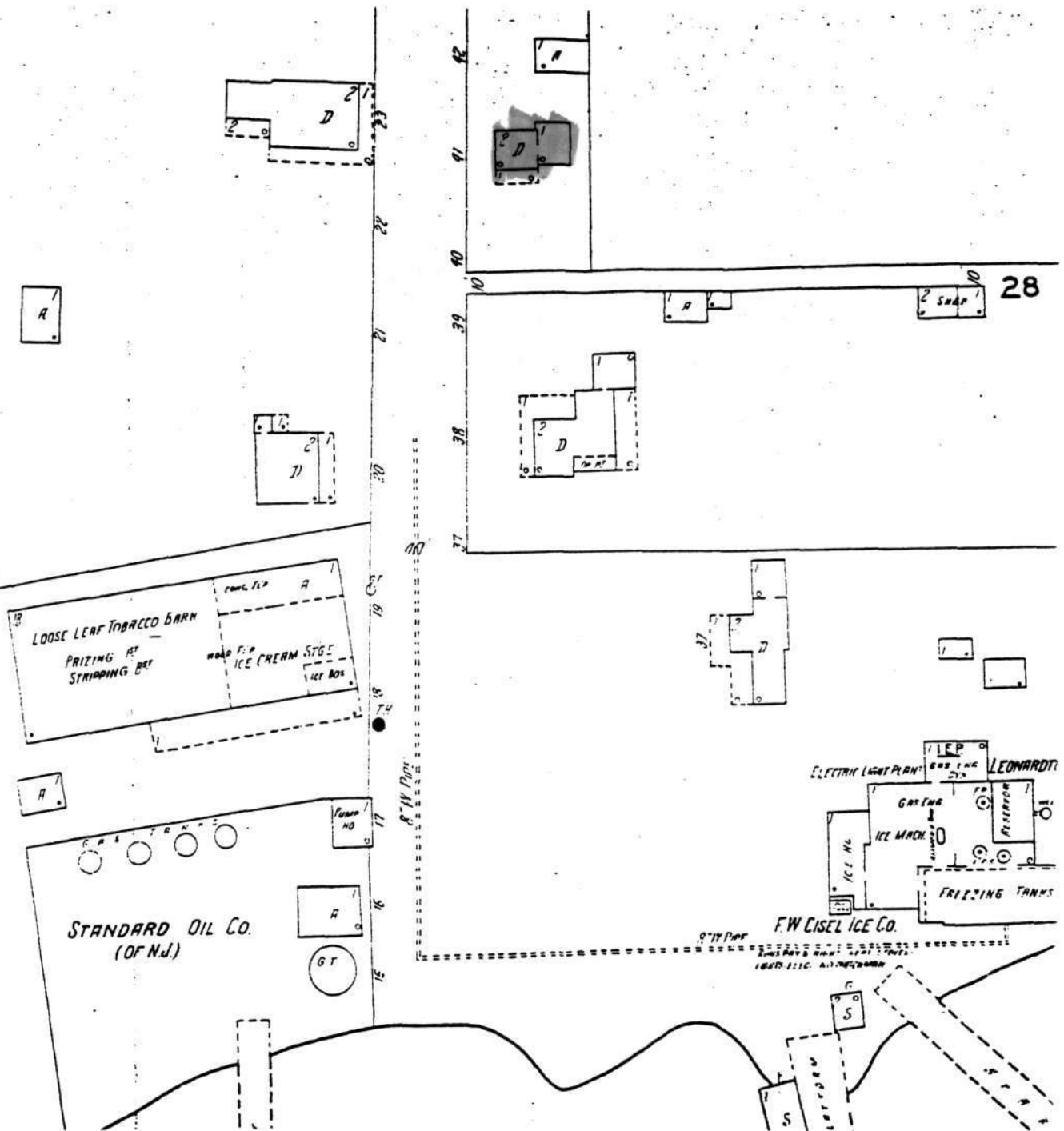
Reference: Liber EBA 9, Folio 312

Grantee: Enoch B. Abell

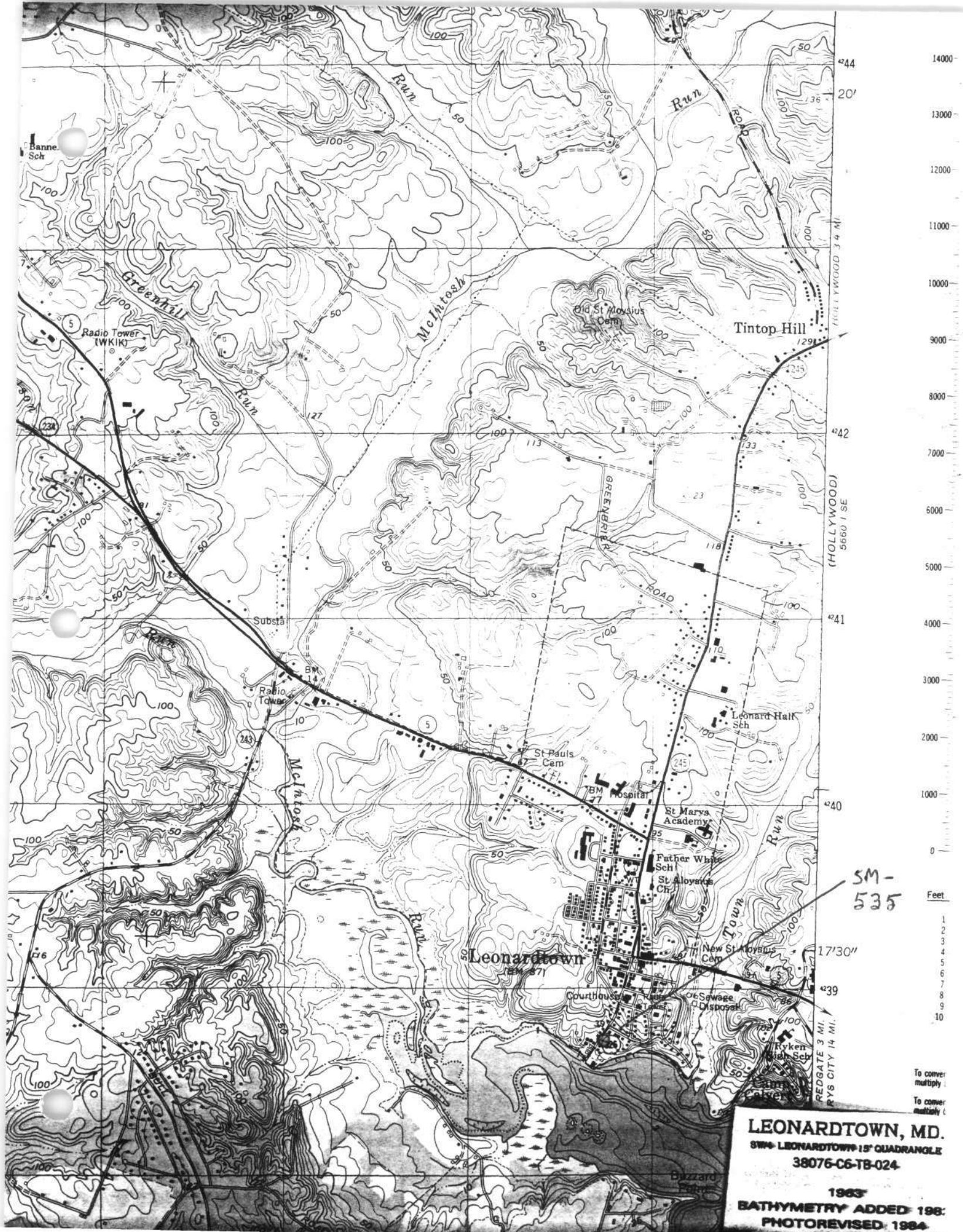
Grantor: Joseph H. Key and wife

Date: May 18, 1911

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 Significance 8.2



1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Leonardtown showing the Shaw House. The dwelling was owned by Enoch B. Abell at the time of this map



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 - 2
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 - 4
 - 5
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 - 7
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 - 10

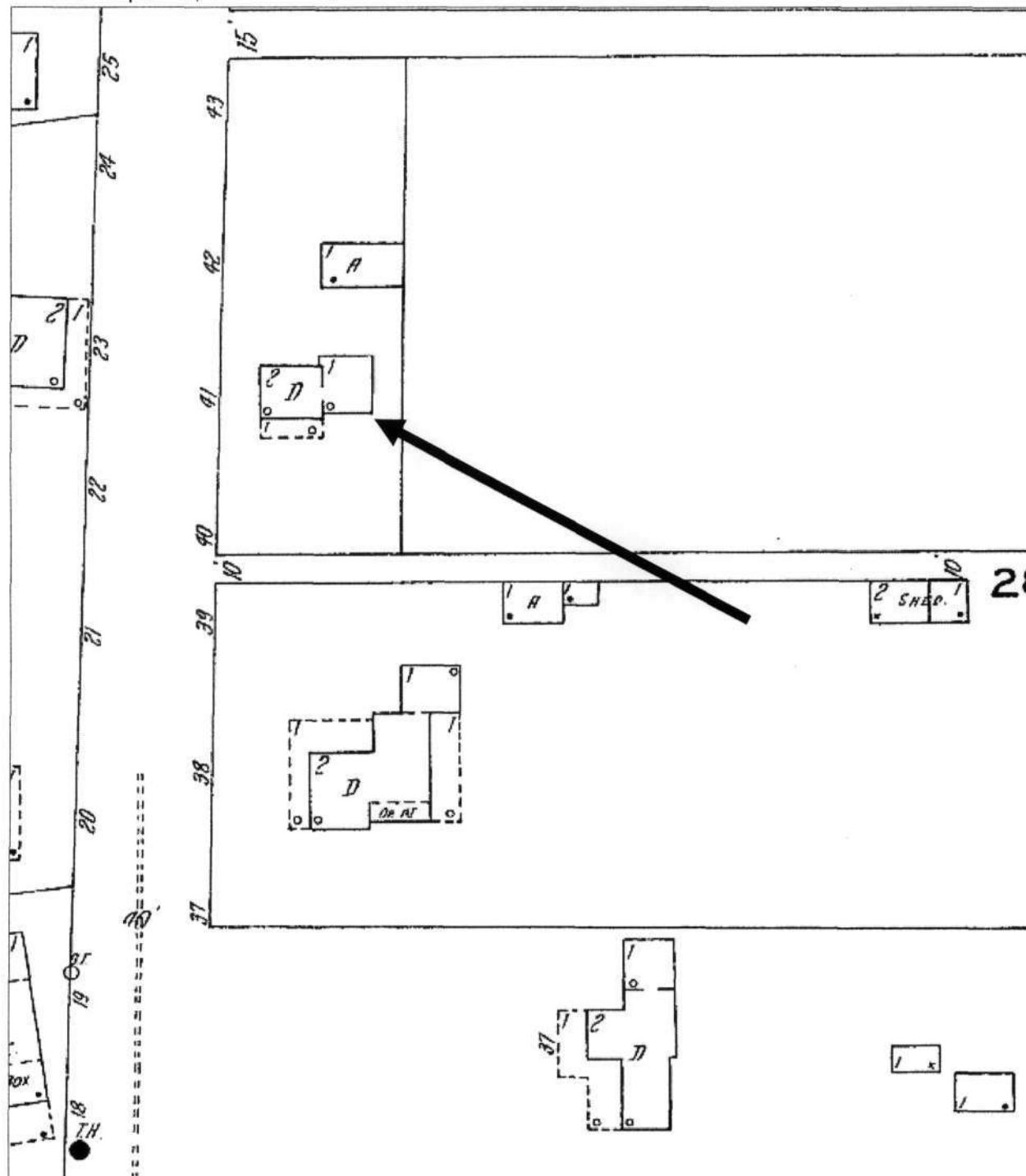
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SW- LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
38076-C6-TB-024
1983
BATHYMETRY ADDED 1986
PHOTOREVISED 1984

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DEMOLISHED

Shaw House, site (Leroy & Gladys McNey House)
22540 Washington Street (MD 326), Leonardtown
Sanborn Map 1928, Sheet 1



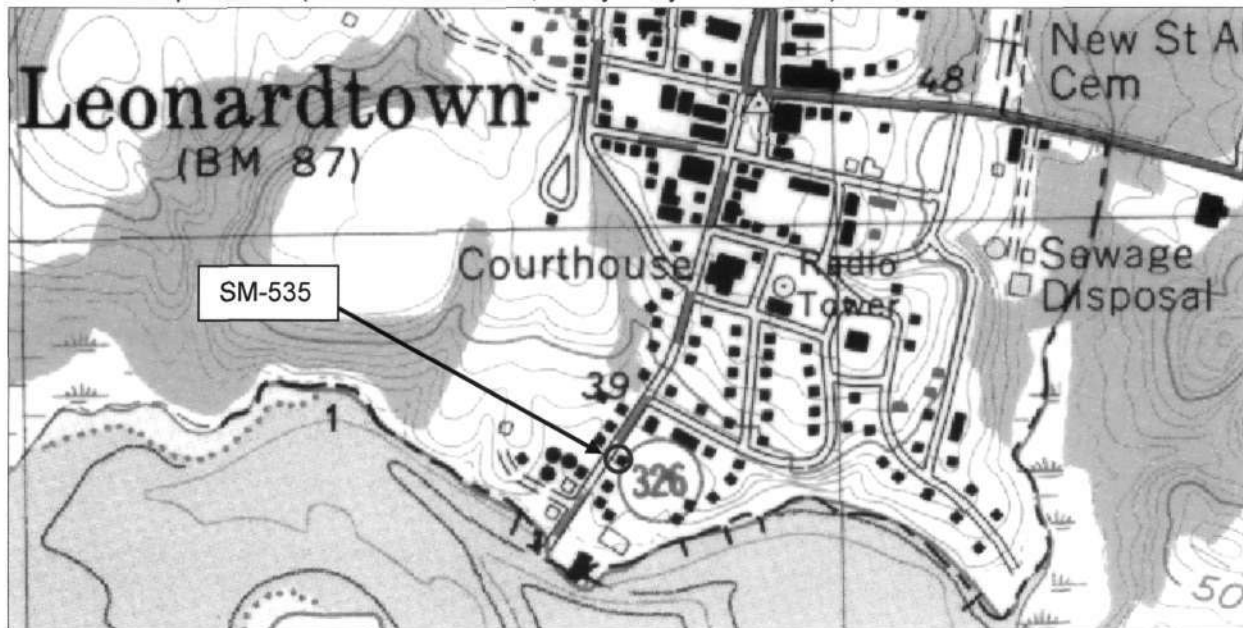
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Leonardtown quad 1963 (Photorevised 1984, Bathymetry added 1982)



National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map,
c. 2007-08

Tax Map 133, P. 332





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Kirk Ranzetta

Sept. 1996

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S + W elevations

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